



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Special Meeting

### **CITY COMMISSIONERS**

*Alice White, Mayor*  
*Phil Stokes, Vice Mayor*  
*Pete Emrich, Commissioner*  
*Barbara Langdon, Commissioner*  
*Debbie McDowell, Commissioner*

### **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

*Jerome Fletcher, City Manager*  
*Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney*  
*Heather Faust, City Clerk*

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Wednesday, April 17, 2024

9:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Mayor Alice White, Vice Mayor Philip Stokes and Commissioner Barbara Langdon

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Pete Emrich

### **Also Present:**

City Manager Fletcher, Deputy City Attorney Golen, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Board Specialist Bodmer, Deputy City Manager Yarborough, Assistant City Manager Bellia, Performance and Accountability Officer Griffin, Deputy Emergency Manager Nevarez, Public Works Director Speake, Senior Executive Assistant Duffey, Development Services Director Ray, Parks and Recreation Director Pfundheller, Communications Manager Bartolone, and Emergency Manager Aloisio

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Thomas, Executive Vice President, Recruitment and Leadership Development, Strategic Government Resources (SGR).

### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:*

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Emrich

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

### **3. WELCOME AND OVERVIEW:**

Doug Thomas, Executive Vice President, Recruitment and Leadership Development, Strategic Government Resources (SGR) provided an overview.

### **4. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

[24-0586](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Relating to the Review and Approval of the City of North Port Strategic Plan

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Doug Thomas, Executive Vice President, Recruitment and Leadership Development, Strategic Government Resources (SGR) provided a presentation including the art of strategic visioning, volatility-uncertainty-complexity-ambiguity (VUCA) world, Commission goals, City goals, strategic planning process, and priority changes.

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding presentation provided, timeline, priority determination versus budgeting limitations, achieving balance, meeting procedure recommendations, inclusion of primary projects, checklist utilization, and measurable indicators.

Mr. Thomas continued the presentation including City vision and mission statements, City organizational values, and safe community pillar.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding primary and proposed projects inclusion, project cost versus impact, Police station and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) construction, indicator review, defibrillator installation and training, and capital improvement projects (CIP).

Mr. Thomas continued the presentation including quality of life pillar.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding primary and proposed projects inclusion, Historical and Cultural Advisory Board, County archeologist, neighborhood connectivity, indicator review, parkland acreage, land acquisition goals, CIP proposals, community center, Boca Chica State Park, and aquatic center.

Recess was taken from 10:49 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Mr. Thomas continued the presentation including economic development and growth management pillar.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding indicator review, timeline inclusion feasibility, Suncoast Technical College expansion, workforce education, attracting largescale employers, community partners, primary and proposed projects inclusion, and inclusionary zoning.

Mr. Thomas continued the presentation including environmental resiliency and sustainability pillar.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding primary and proposed projects inclusion, tree canopy study, City utility expansion, tree planting initiatives, and software tracking inclusion in economic development pillar.

Mr. Thomas continued the presentation including infrastructure and facilities integrity pillar.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding primary and proposed projects inclusion, River Road and Toledo Blade Boulevard connectivity extension, priority three review, solid waste transfer station, I-75 interchange improvements, Activity Center 6, Price Boulevard Phase I, priority nine review, CIP proposals, and public works building expansion.

Mr. Thomas continued the presentation including good governance pillar.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding priority determination versus budgeting limitations, indicator review, completed goals, inclusion of financing options, priority two review, newcomer’s welcome packets, priority seven review, primary and proposed projects inclusion, and enterprise resource planning (ERP) upgrade.

Mr. Thomas continued the presentation including disaster response and recovery management pillar.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding priority one review and recovery template.

Mr. Thomas continued the presentation including prioritization process, previous outcomes, priority ranking, recommendations, and options.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding not ranking priorities and finalization timeline.

Mr. Thomas continued the presentation including strategic planning process, recommendations, and closing.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Faust, City Clerk